

Local schools maintain excellence in education



Liberty Middle School, in Camas, unveiled its new mascot, the Lion, earlier this year. The school opened to students in September 2006.

With continued growth in student population has come many, many changes to Camas and Washougal Schools.

There are many new faces at the administrative level, as well as new teachers to cater to the large influx of students moving into east Clark County.

CAMAS SCHOOL DISTRICT

The Camas School Board will move forward in 2007 to ask the voters to approve a \$90 million bond that would help fund the construction of two new schools and expand several existing facilities.

Under the approved recommendations from a facilities committee, \$44 million would be earmarked to fund the construction of two new elementary schools — one on the east side of the city on district-owned property near Southeast Crown and McKeever roads and another on the west side on district-owned property off of Northwest 38th Avenue next to Grass Valley Park.

One of the school district's oldest buildings, the old Camas High School on Garfield Street, opened in September as Liberty

Middle School, following an extensive renovation project.

The \$12.5 million modernization allowed the 50-year-old building to accommodate 750 students. The project covered seismic and structural upgrades, instruction technology improvements, the addition of a security access system, and more than 12,000 square feet of new classroom space.

Marilyn Boerke serves as principal at the new school (located at 1612 N.E. Garfield St.), working with Assistant Principal Tim Warren, who came from Lewisville Middle School in Battle Ground.

Another new administrative position was filled by Terry Cavender, who replaced former Athletic Director Ted Buck. He was hired when Buck was named assistant principal at Camas High School. Meanwhile former teacher Bryan McGeachy was also hired as an assistant principal at CHS.

The district's second-newest building is Camas High School at 26900 S.E. 15th St. All of Camas' freshman- through senior-level students are housed in this facility.

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